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OLA Scholarships, Bursaries, and Funds

The Ontario Library Association is pleased to operate a number of scholarships, bursaries, and funds to encourage members to expand their horizons and improve their skills and knowledge.

OLA Scholarships

OLA Dr. Janette Baker Scholarship

This OLA scholarship fund has been made possible through a generous bequest of \$50,000 by the late Dr. Janette Baker. Scholarships are available annually to support attendance at a recognized library and information program by individuals who have been working for a minimum of three years and who are employed outside of the education profession. Support this scholarship by donating to the fund.

OLA/OSLA Ken Haycock Super Conference Grant

Dr. Ken Haycock granted the Chancellor Group Conference Grant to the Canadian Library Association (CLA) in 1990 for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada to honour the founding members of the Canadian Association of School Librarians. A travel grant of \$500 was to provide support to newly qualified teacher-librarians (the "TL") to attend the annual conference of the CLA. The funds were transferred to OLA in 2016 after CLA's dissolution. OLA is now proud to provide the grant to support new TLs to attend the OLA Super Conference.

This grant is also supported through member donations.

[For more information on OLA Scholarships and to apply.](#)

OLBA Bursaries

The Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA) Bursary assists board members in distant communities with travel expenses to the OLA Super Conference and allows them to choose from hundreds of professional development events, including the OLBA Board Bootcamp.

In addition to the bursary, each recipient will be registered for the full OLA Super Conference including a single ticket to the Public Library Award Gala. Recipients of the Saturday Board Boot Camp bursary will be registered for the full Saturday program. The bursary award is non-transferrable and is for the exclusive use of the recipient.

[For more information on OLBA Bursaries and to apply.](#)

OPLA Scholarships

Joyce Kipps Memorial Scholarship

In partnership with Library Bound, two scholarships have been developed to help off-set costs for an OLA member to attend one of two signature events.

In addition to the scholarship, each recipient will be registered for the full event, and receive a one-year free OLA membership. The scholarship award is non-transferrable and is for the



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Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association, Conference Grant

Every 2 years, OPLA offers a PLA Conference Grant to a current OPLA member to financially assist their attendance conference in the United States. A grant of up to \$3,000 is awarded by random draw to a qualified nominee.

[For more information on OPLA Scholarships and to apply.](#)

Funds

OLA is a charitable and non-profit organization that accepts donations for several funds. Each fund supports the library and information sector in a unique way; from getting books into the hands of children across Ontario, to Mentorship, tuition scholarships, event travel bursaries and more! [Donations to these funds](#) can be made online. Unless otherwise noted, a tax receipt is provided for donations. For more information - [OLA Funds - Ontario Library Association \(accessola.com\)](#)